

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : Hon. Stanley R. Chesler
v. : Criminal No. 08-00080
: **ORDER FOR CONTINUANCE**
MAURICIO CONTRERAS-BURITICA, :
ANDRES F. PEREZ-OSORIO, :
JUAN R. POLANCO, and :
JUAN CARLOS CRUZ

This matter having come before the Court on the joint application of Christopher J. Christie, United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey (by Andrew Carcy, Assistant U.S. Attorney) and defendant **JUAN CARLOS CRUZ** (by James Friedman, Esq., appearing), for an order granting a continuance of the proceedings in the above-captioned matter from May 30, 2008 through July 30, 2008, to allow the parties to conduct plea negotiations and attempt to finalize a plea agreement, and the defendant being aware that he has the right to have this matter brought to trial within 70 days of the date of his appearance before a judicial officer of this court and that a continuance shall serve to delay a trial in this matter, and the defendant having consented to the continuance and waived such right, for good cause shown,

IT IS THE FINDING OF THIS COURT that this action should be continued for the following reasons:

(1) Plea negotiations are currently in progress, and both the United States and the defendant desire additional time to negotiate a plea agreement, which would render a trial of this matter unnecessary;

(2) Defendant consents to the continuance; and

(3) Pursuant to Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 3161(h)(8), the ends of justice served by granting the continuance outweigh the best interest of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.

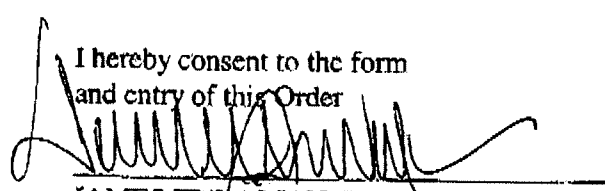
WHEREFORE, IT IS on this 29 day of July 2008,

ORDERED that this action be, and it hereby is, continued from May 30, 2008 through July 30, 2008, defense motions, if any, are to be filed by July 30, 2008, opposition to defense motions are to be filed by August 7, 2008, motions shall be heard on August 18, 2008 and the trial shall be scheduled for August 25, 2008, 2008 absent any other reason to continue the proceedings; and it is further,

ORDERED that the period from May 30, 2008 through July 30, 2008, shall be excludable in computing time under the Speedy Trial Act of 1974 (as amended October 12, 1984), pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, Section 3161.


HONORABLE STANLEY R. CHESLER
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

I hereby consent to the form
and entry of this Order


JAMES FRIEDMAN, ESQ.
ATTORNEY FOR DEFENDANT


ANDREW CAREY
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